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## NSA Employees Excluded From Recent Pay Raise

Are the employees of the National Security Agency, who are unclassified because of the highly classified nature of their jobs, entitled to the recently approved Federal pay raise?

Representative Lankford, Democrat of Maryland, said it has been reported to him that officials at NSA say "no" because the bill specifically says classified Federal employees.

However, the Congressman believes this is an erroneous interpretation. He believes it was the intent of Congress to include the NSA employees as well as all others.

Unclassified Selective Service employees also have been told they don't qualify for the new pay raise and Congressman Lankford said such a ruling might also block the pay raise for unclassified Central Intelligence Agency employees.

"I cannot condone this unfair treatment," he said today in a letter to Representative Murray, chairman of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.

He asked Mr. Murray to "express the intent of the Congress to the Bureau of the Budget."

Mr. Lankford added that if this doesn't convince the NSA that it has the authority to

grant the raise, then he will introduce special legislation when the House reconvenes August 15 to make certain NSA employees get the 7.5 per cent pay raise.

It is simply a matter that it wasn't spelled out word for word, he said, so the intent of Congress has been misconstrued.

He pointed out that NSA employees have all other civil service benefits but job classification and the only reason they don't have that is because of the highly classified nature of their work.

The security agency, so secret that its employees are not supposed to tell their friends where they work, is engaged in communications intelligence work.

The agency is located at Fort Meade in Representative Lankford's district.

Mr. Warner:

[redacted] did not  
know about this article  
and appreciated our call.  
NSA granted the pay raise  
by administrative action  
just as we did [redacted]

[redacted] is apparently the  
victim of a garble.  
[redacted] says they will  
get in touch with  
[redacted] and straighten  
him out.

JHB